War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

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Washington, August 29th, 1865.

Dear Colonel.

Col. E. P. Brown 7th Regt. Hancock's Corps and late Colonel 157th N.Y.V. writes to the General from Philadelphia requesting a recommendation for brevet appointment.

Will you have the kindness to state what you may remember as to the way in which he performed his duty while with the 11th Corps? Was he at Chancellorsville & Gettysburg?

Very respectfully

Col. C. H. Howard

O. O. Howard

Bd. Maj. & A.D.C.

[C2. Aug. 29, 1865]

(Confidential)

Respectfully returned. — I don't know but very little about Col Brown; — the Regt was a 9 month Regt. I remember however that Col Brown was well spoken of at Chancellorsville; I also remember that he was placed once in command of a Brigade, altho his Regt did not belong to the Brigade; but whether this was done on account of military ability or because he could not get along with his Brigade Commdr I cannot tell. — If you desire to hear more particular I will refer a letter from you to Meyscuburg. — My private opinion about his military capacity is not very great. —

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Thos H Neff

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Greenfield Washington Co Pa
Aug 29th 1865

Maj Gen Howard
President Freedmans Bureau
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Pardon if you please this and should it be an intrusion but to you I am under the impression it will not be passed heedlessly by situated as I am in this world now with but one arm and a wife and mother dependant upon me for support render it indeed hard you I am well aware know how difficult tis to do many things with the loss of a limb and to you I make this appeal to use your influence either in obtaining me a situation under yourself or in some one of the departments From where I am writing is not any address Being for a time appointed ex Asst Assessor have been ordered here in taking the arrearly income tax I have Sir the

honor to refer you to the Hon Edgar C
and the Hon John Covode now I believe in
Washington Any position you may th
I am most competent to fill will be thank
ceived by Your Most humble and Obt Serv

E R Ewing

P.S. If successful please address me

Pittsburg Pa

Yours &c

E R Ewing

New Orleans La. Aug^st 29/65

To Major General O. O. Howard
Commission Bureau Refugees
Freedmen & Abandon Lands
War Dept
Washington City
D. C.

General. I have the honor to address you upon the subject of my Mother's portrait which hangs up in my house now held and occupied by your Bureau. This portrait cannot benefit any one but myself, I have applied for it here but was referred by Captain Armstrong to yourself. I do hope you will order it to be restored to me as soon as possible

Yrs Respectfully
Jane A Sims.

National Freedmen's Relief Association
of New-York

Bremen, Georgstrasse 59. Aug 29. 1865.

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Mein Herr!

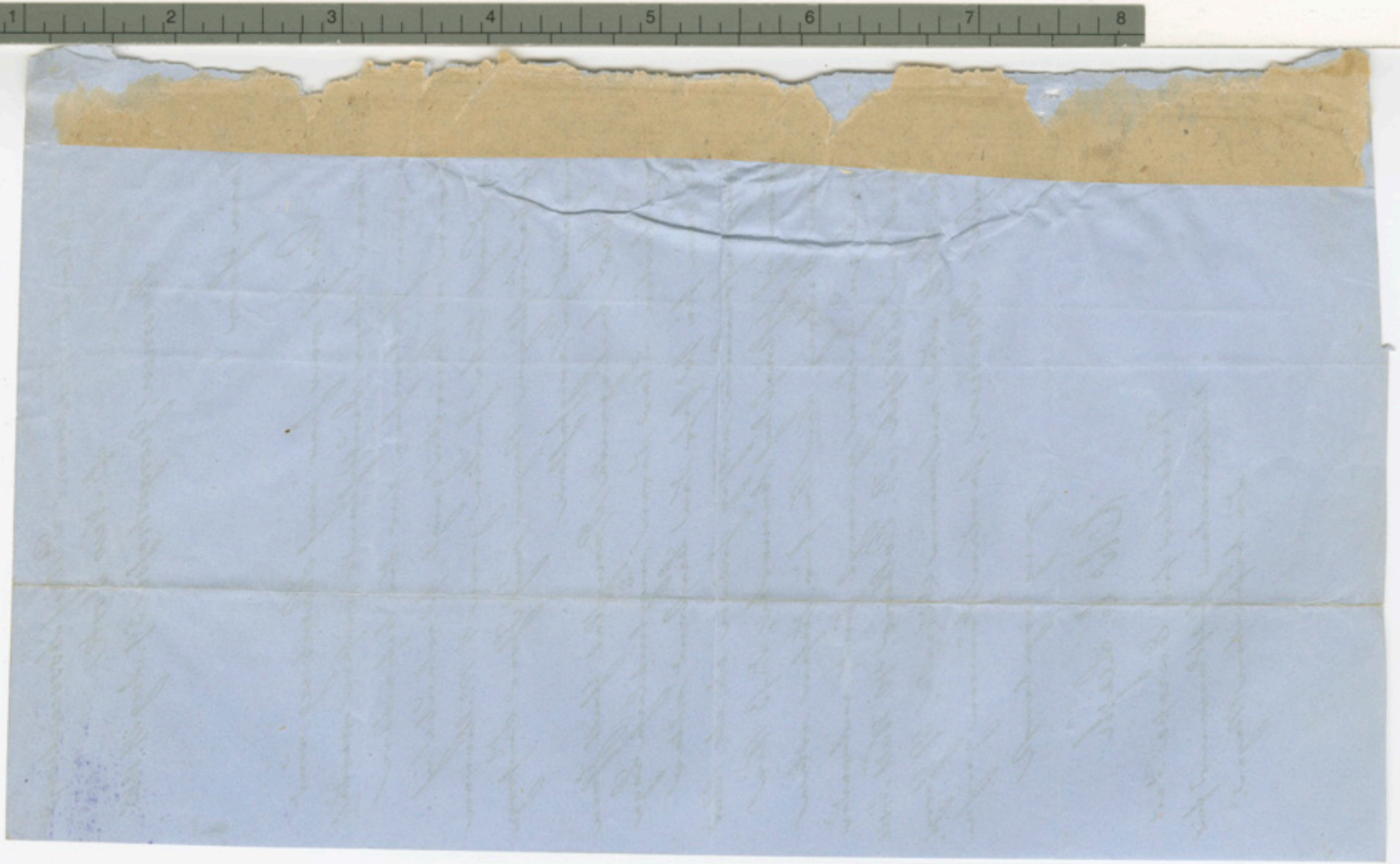
Da ich von hier nach Hamburg und anderen Orten Deutschlands reisen werde, wo man Theilnahme für die befreiten Sklaven in Amerika zeigt, so erlaube ich mir durch diese Zeilen jene 4 Millionen hülfsbedürftigen Neger auch Ihrer Fürsorge dringend zu empfehlen.

Das beiliegende Pamphlet theilt Ihnen Einzelheiten über deren unglückliche Lage mit, wie sie so sehr den Beistand aller Menschenfreunde nöthig haben etc. etc. Und indem ich schliesslich bemerke, daß Sie Ihren Beitrag, den Sie für diesen edlen Zweck zu geben geneigt sind, entweder direct an Joseph B. Collins, 40 Wall street New-York, oder an meine Adresse, 59 Georgstrasse, Bremen, senden können, zeichne ich

ganz ergebenst

Chr. C. Leigh

Vertreter für Europa des „National Hülfsvereins für die befreiten Neger."



Translation

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Dear Sir

As I shall go from here to Hamburg and other points in Germany where sympathy is manifested for the freed slaves in America, I take the liberty of earnestly soliciting for those four millions of needy colored men, your help also.

The accompanying pamphlet gives you some details of their unfortunate situation, showing how much they need the support of all ~~[illegible]~~ friends of humanity etc, etc.

With the closing remark that such contributions as you may feel disposed to devote to this noble purpose may be sent Either to Joseph. B. Collins 40 Wall Street Newyork, or to my address, No 59 Georgen Strasse -

ode

Brethren, I subscribe myself

Your Obedient

Chas. E. Leigh

Agent for Europe of the Nat'l

Freedman's Association.

Head-Quarters 183d Regt. P.V.
1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps.

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Philada Pa Aug 30th 1865

Dear Sir

I recall with pleasure having been the subject of commendation from you at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 13th 1862 when I was a Lieutenant in the 106th Pa Vol and you commanded the 3rd Division 2nd Corps. Perhaps you will recollect that my company was very active in occupying and holding some houses very close to the celebrated stone wall which baffled the assaults of our forces.

I have been urged by my friends and neighbours to apply for a civil appointment

under the National Governmen
and they are desirous of havin
their petition backed by letters
from some of my former Comman
ders.

Remembering your kindness
on a previous occasion when
I was an applicant for a position in the regular
army (which, by the way, was not offered
me until I had obtained a Cap-
taincy in the Volunteer service) and
hearing on every hand of your liberality
to those who have fought to
the Union, I have made bold
ask you for a line in my fa
if I am still borne in you
recollection. Since that
I have risen to the rank
Colonel in the 183rd Pa. V
and for some months
vious to my muster-out
manded the 1st Brigade

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1st Division, 2nd Army Corps.

Begging pardon for the trouble I am giving you, I am with much respect and many wishes for your welfare

Your obedient servant

Jas. B. Lynch

No. 440 North 4th St.
Philadelphia
Pa.

To
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Chief of Bureau of Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.

Philadelphia Pa.

Aug. 30. 1865.

Lynch, Jas. C.

Desires a line of recommendation from Genl. Howard, to assist him in obtaining a civil appointment under the National Government.

C. B. 113 k.

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Cayuga Lake Co. Wisconsin
Aug. 30th 1865.

Gen. O. O. Howard
Supt. of Freedmen's Bureau
Washington D.C.

There are several in this vicinity who would like to engage as Teachers in the Freedmen's Schools at the South. Will you please inform me what is required of Teachers in that Department, their average wages, and to whom they shall apply for situations. Is there not a Local Agent in every State.

Very Respectfully
Emily B. Ames.

Oregon, Dane Co. Wisconsin
Aug 30th 1865.

Ames, Emily B.

Desires situation in the service of the Bureau as teacher

C. B. 109 p.

Ansd.

Cape Vincent Aug. 30-65

Dear Sir Although a stranger, I take the liberty of writing to express to you my desire to devote myself to teaching the negroes. I want a location where there is a probability of a permanent school in a decent school-house, and then I want to settle down to the business, without the fear of being shot by some southern patriot. A school room is my home, and my pupils are my family & friends. I have taught 20 seasons, I want no better work, & have no earthly ambition, but to

be a good teacher. If I shou[illegible]
earn good wages should [illegible]
bably give a share to the [illegible]
to which I was devoting [illegible]
self. If colored children [illegible]
learn and behave as well a[illegible]
white ones I think I ca[illegible]
love them as well [illegible]
I'd not shed a tear and I never wo[illegible]
Because their skins were so b[illegible]
Or so wooly their hair
And if I should fear,
Or need any protection
I would be from the whi[illegible]
And not dark complexi[illegible]

From Wilmington the othe[illegible] day
At least its as the papers [illegible]
Two ladies were going, with [illegible]
To land themselves, in Fayette[illegible]
Where they were sent to teach a [illegible]
For negroes. There, up starts [illegible]
Called a Sheriff, from off the s[illegible]

Saying to them, "They could not land,"
"But as they were females they might stay
Upon the boat, till 'twas away!"
"Had they been men they would treat them
As they did such before the war." Beat them
Of course, that we all may know
That meddlesome Yankees cannot go
And set up schools, to teach the sisters
Gainst the law, or wish of their betters,
In Sovereign States. Now this potion
Is hard to swallow, as we've a notion
To teach such schools, But I guess
Its best not to be afraid, unless
Such sheriffs have a power to back 'em
I guess that Uncle Sam will crack 'em
And give them a lesson the Chivalry!
If they dont mind and let us be
Now its another notion of mine line"
"We must fight it out on this
Victory on the line of Education
Will bring the final restoration
Bury the rebellion it will & must
Where it has fallen in the dust!

Pardon this intrusion, As I know of no one having special charge of an educational department for the colored people I hope you will give me some needful information or refer me to some one who can.

Yours very respectfully

Marcia H Cammond

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Camp Carrington Indianapolis
August 30. 1865

Maj Gen O O Howard
Chief of Freedmens Bureau
Washington D. C.

Sir

You will please pardon the liberty I take of enquiring if officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps are taken for duty in your department, and if so whether an official application could be made for that purpose and to whom it should be made!

I think Sir I could do more good in that way now than any other, and am anxious to do what little I may be able towards a successful solution of what some seem to consider the negro problem

My own opinion has always been that it only required the will to find all the means necessary, and I think I should now feel the same pride in being one of the agents to show beyond all dispute that negroes are

men, and capable of becoming worthy citizens of this Republic as I have taken in helping to show the rebels that we have a Government capable of subdueing them

Hoping for your early answer I have the honor to be.

Most Respectfully
Your Obdt Srvt
Sydenham Gaut
1st Lieut Co. "K" 2nd V.R.C.